

Guide to  
Frank Seay Jr. Collection of  
Dallas Theological Seminary Memorabilia

1927-1998 and undated

.44 linear foot

Accession Numbers: 2004-001 and 2004-008  
Collection Number: CN 046

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**Abstract:** Programs, clippings, photographs, correspondence, and acoustics plans primarily related to Dallas Theological Seminary.

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**Biographical Sketch:** Charles Frank Seay Jr. was born on December 27, 1913, in Dallas, TX. His parents were C. Frank Seay and Hazel Hinckley Seay. The younger Seay graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1930 and from the University of Texas in 1934. He had a research fellowship in physics at the University of Texas. He then went to work on underwater acoustics at Harvard and MIT. Later he moved to the Naval Air Station in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He returned to Dallas and worked at the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest at Southern Methodist University. Near the end of his career, he served as Executive Assistant to two Presidents of Southern Methodist University. He retired about 1976.

Frank Seay Jr. had various connections with Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). His family knew H. A. Ironside, who was a visiting professor at Evangelical Theological College, later renamed Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). The family attended Scofield Memorial Church when it was pastored by Lewis Sperry Chafer, president of DTS. Frank was also baptized by L. S. Chafer. C. Fred Lincoln, who was business manager for DTS, was Frank's uncle. Frank's brother, William, served on the DTS Board of Incorporate Members many years. Frank was an acoustics consultant for four buildings on campus: Chafer Chapel; the Walvoord Student Center; Academic Center I, renamed Todd; and Academic Center II, renamed Campbell.

Frank married Emily Moore and they had two children: Charles Frank Seay III, who graduated from DTS in 1975, and Carolyn Seay Browne. C. Frank Seay Jr. was a charter member of Park Cities Presbyterian Church and loved music. He died April 3, 2011.

**References:**

"Charles Seay Obituary" *Dallas Morning News*, 2011,  
<https://obits.dallasnews.com/us/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/name/charles-seay-obituary?id=7686977> [accessed 5-25-2022].

Unrecorded interview with C. Frank Seay Jr. in 2004, from a note based on the interview and attached to the accession record for Acc. 2004-001.

**System of Arrangement:**

The Frank Seay Jr. Collection of Dallas Theological Seminary Memorabilia is arranged in three series.

**Series I. Memorabilia in Sleeves, 1927-1996 and undated .26 linear foot**

(2 album boxes)

Various materials in page protectors arranged chronologically in two "album" boxes with ring binders.

**Series II. Loose Memorabilia, 1928-1929, 1967-1998, and undated .01 linear foot**

(3 folders)

Three letters and miscellaneous publications.

**Series III. Construction Files, 1972-1974 and undated .17 linear foot (3 folders)**

Notes, specifications, and plans.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection, housed in two album boxes and one half-size box, was assembled by C. Frank Seay Jr. over several years. The contents provide a glimpse of various events and topics in the history of DTS, and document some of Mr. Seay's work as an acoustics consultant.

**Selected Search Terms:**

C. Frank Seay Jr.

Dallas Theological Seminary History

**Donor/Source:** C. Frank Seay Jr.

**Custodial History:** Mr. Seay collected the items and donated them to DTS circa 1998 and 2004.

**Literary Rights:** It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

**Related Material:** See Reference Files in the archives titled "Charles Frank Seay Jr." and "William Seay."

**Processing Information:** The majority of this collection was received in page protectors in two ring binders. Because staff was uncertain if the page protectors were archival, the papers were transferred to new sleeves and the loose items were placed in folders. Most of the contents are roughly in chronological order. The "sections" in the albums were created by the processor to increase accessibility. The construction files were transferred from their original binders into acid free folders.

## Container List

### **Series I. Memorabilia in Sleeves, 1927-1996 and undated**

#### Box 1 Section I, 1927-1937 and undated

Includes commencement programs for 1927 and 1933, photographs, and clippings about DTS and alumni.

#### Box 1 Section II, 1941-1948 and undated

Includes one letter circa 1941 from Lewis Sperry Chafer to Norman [Harrison] after he wrote the book *The End: Re-thinking the Revelation*, one 1942 commencement program, a newspaper article about the 1942 baccalaureate sermon, photographs of the Seminary quartet, and correspondence.

#### Box 1 Section III, 1953-1961 and undated

Includes a program for the combined dedication of Chafer Chapel and the Inauguration of Dr. Walvoord, a program for the 1954 Founder's Banquet, and pamphlets about Mosher Library.

#### Box 1 Section IV, 1964-1973

Includes clippings regarding the fortieth anniversary; two articles about James Hutchens, an alumnus serving as a chaplain in Viet Nam; commencement programs for 1970-1973; a pamphlet about three alumni; and correspondence.

#### Box 2 Section I, 1974-1975

Includes a 1974 printed commencement chapel message by Charles Feinberg, a brief history of DTS printed for the seminary's fiftieth anniversary, two articles concerning C. Frank Seay III at DTS, a 1975 commencement program, and correspondence.

#### Box 2 Section II, 1976-1988 and undated

Includes a program for C. Fred Lincoln's memorial service, a newsletter about DTS revising the curriculum, a 1977 Lay Institute brochure, a 1984 commencement program, a 1986 issue of *Kindred Spirit* honoring John F. Walvoord, an article about Jack Deere, a clipping about alumnus John Lodwick, and a 1988 DTS President's Report.

#### Box 2 Section III, 1989-1996

Includes DTS President's Reports for 1989 and 1991, commencement programs for 1990 and 1996, clippings related to DTS, and a program for Charles Swindoll's inauguration.

**Series II. Loose Memorabilia, 1928-1929, 1967-1998, and undated**

Box 3 File 1, Correspondence, 1928-1929

Three handwritten letters from H. A. Ironside to Mrs. Seay.

Box 3 File 2, Expansion Campaigns, circa 1967-1979

Includes brochures about renovating Stearns; expanding campus; building Academic Center I, later re-named Todd; and Project Timothy, which built the student center later named for John F. Walvoord.

Box 3 File 3, Miscellaneous, 1994, 1998, and undated

A 1994 *DTS News* issue for Charles Swindoll's inauguration, *Preach the Word* 1998 v. 1 no. 5, and boiler inspection forms for 1206 N. Haskell, which became Lincoln Hall Dormitory.

**Series III. Construction Files, 1972-1974 and undated**

Box 3 File 4, Academic Center, 1972 and undated

Includes articles about architects Fisher and Spillman, notes, and plans for Academic Center Phase 1.

Box 3 File 5, Specifications DTS Phase 2, 1973

"Supplemental Specifications" for the "South Unit of Academic Center" by Fisher and Spillman Architects.

Box 3 File 6, Acoustics, 1973-1974

Includes notes, invoices, and plans for Academic Center Phase 2.